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February 7, 2005

The Honorable Michael Powell
Chairman
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445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Chairman Powell:

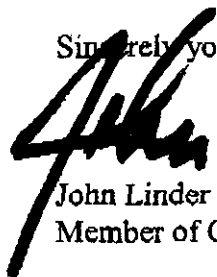
I am writing to express my support for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) making a final decision on CS Docket #98-120, regarding dual carriage of both the analog and digital signals of broadcasters during the digital transition and carriage of more than one of a broadcaster's signals, after such a transition. These matters have been pending before the FCC for a number of years, and the time is right for the Commission to resolve these public policy matters once and for all.

The television industry as a whole continues to make the transition from analog to digital. The industry, consumers, and a variety of other stakeholders will all benefit from the FCC making a clear decision about must carry and retransmission consent policies as this transition moves towards its conclusion. Continued uncertainty in the marketplace hinders all of these benefits from being fully realized.

Clarity in the regulatory realm will translate quickly into the marketplace. The continued auction of spectrum, which will be a byproduct of moving ahead, also benefits the Federal budget and all of the stakeholders in the public spectrum field.

I urge the FCC to take action on these issues this week.

Sincerely yours,



John Linder
Member of Congress